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JOE DOHERTY writes from Long Kesh Prison in Northern Ireland: Moved recently: "NO" *** "British gov't recently (again) denied my credit for 9 years imprisonment in US." *** Disciplinary action? "No! We function as POWs. We have a system (republican community) of democratic control." *** "We share the responsibilities for work among the community." *** "I continue to write for the *The Captive Voice*, the POW magazine. Also organizing discussions. [I do] handicrafts for Green Cross, the family relief." *** "I have my first university credit, a computer diploma. I am studying Politics and Law" *** "The IRA called a complete cease-fire of the war. This is a heroic step, hopefully the British and other parties will respond. We had much discussion pertaining the cease-fire. It is a justified gamble, 25 years of war did not resolve the problem. Now we must create the conditions for peace, dialogue and a final settlement. We believe we can achieve this." *** "Please send my greetings to all my old comrades in Lewisburg (Tim Blunk) and also Ray and Tommy in Marion. (I read about new bunker system). Also to my Puerto Rican companeras. I miss their strength. Also, Marilyn and Susan and companeras. The struggle lives on. I enjoy reading their reports." *** "No sign of amnesty or release program --yet!"

SUNDIATA ACOLI writes from USP Allenwood (PA) "Preparing appeal of my parole denial and the resulting 20-year 'hit.'" *** Family: "They're all doing well and visiting much more frequently since I've returned to the east coast." *** I am involved with the Art Shop where I've just completed a painting for the Mumia Abu-Jamal Anti-Death Penalty Art Project. I'm also involved in a 'Multi-National Pris-

oner Representative Organization' as Director of Multi-cultural Affairs where I've waged a 6-month campaign to get the approval for an Afrikan Cultural Society; finally I had to resign from the Prisoner Rep Org and walk out of a meeting as a protest against the stonewalling tactics of the prison administration. All other Prisoner Reps followed suit and resigned and walked out in solidarity. Next day the prison administration gave its approval. An Afrikan Culture Society has now been formed and all prisoner representatives have returned to the Prisoner Representative Organization."

JAMES BARRETT writes from USP Marion: "Thanks for the steady stream of TJI's. We find them to be a source of encouragement and ideas..." *** "Here in Marion, at least in the ghetto cellhouses, we are on a sort of self-imposed 'stand-by' status. We expect to be hauled outta here any hour to the new maxi-maxi in Colorado. This'll be a Desert Storm type operation--a lot of high-tech weaponry and machinery and hoopla--something 'big' to show and justify the huge expenditures of tight money. The Marion to Colorado shuffle will be the season's circus." *** "For years in Marion we've been running bi-annual Half Marathons in spirit with the Boston and New York runs. Those who can't do a Half Marathon in the weekly 2-hour rec period are encouraged to do a 3- or 6- mile jog. It is not a 'race' except against ourselves, and it has developed into a prized tradition." *** We're hoping that the shiny hellhole in Colorado has a seg yard big enough to run in." *** My love & best wishes to my comrades & friends--stay tough, get healthy, keep cheerful. Venceremos!"

CHUCKIE AFRICA writes from Graterford SCI where he was moved from Somerset "after spending 7 months in the hole there. They let

me into general population a couple of weeks ago." *** "A post-conviction petition pending, probably in February will have hearing." *** "[I'm] in the music program, rehearsing for a Kwanzaa program for next month. Attending African history/awareness classes." *** "Am able to communicate and maintain closer contact w/family better since I'm here. I can hear and see them on radio and t.v., now, being 40 miles from Philly. This joint is less stringent than a lot of others but it's still a penitentiary and always a struggle. One struggle is to be housed in a single cell." *** "Revolutionary regards to all. Keep up the spirit." *** "To Bro Naeem Trotter, stay strong. Our turn will come!" *** "On the MOVE!"

DAVID GILBERT writes from Comstock, NY: "Like the rest of, I'm both revolted and worried by the recent orgy of hatred and vindictiveness that masqueraded as an election. In certain ways, it was just a continuation of the trends of the past 15 years, but this time there seems to be a significant threat to the least powerful in society--prisoners, mothers & children on welfare, and immigrants--and this time combined with many more specific, punitive measures. I am interested in whatever strategic thinking people are doing (perhaps these could be shared via submissions to *Prisoners' News Service*) on the prospects for prisons in the coming period." *** "On a brighter note, last month I had a magnificent weekend visit with my son, who at 14 is becoming a splendid young man. Also, we successfully completed our training here of 12 peer educators on AIDS. Since then, we've done about 10 different classes (of about 15 prisoners each) which have been very well received. This is a long way from the comprehensive and in-depth program we need, but it seems we are reaching enough guys to make some difference."

KALONJI JIHAD writes from Maximum Control Complex, Westville, IN : Rules: "More psychological warfare and biological warfare--more contaminated water and bacteria in the food, attacking my nervous system and giving me headaches." *** "On October 26, 1994, I was transferred from Indiana State Prison and I was

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placed in A1-101 Dry-Cell without water, toilet paper, tooth-brush, tooth-paste, soap, comb, shower, or opportunity to wash my face or hands for three days. I asked to brush my teeth; I was denied. I had urinated/defecated in de toilet and could not flush de toilet. While stinking odor fill de cell with offensive smell, and I was served pork food trays against my Islamic religion (I didn't eat) for three days, while de officers flushed toilet every four hours as I had to be handcuffed/shackled and stand in de corner." *** "Forward forever, not one step backward!" *** "Love to all POWs/Political prisoners, Oppressed!"

IMARA SEKOU writes from Pelican Bay State Prison where he was moved from Corcoran (SHU): "I've been assigned to the most restrictive Security Housing Unit In California in direct retaliation for my reformist efforts: *in re* Consolidated Federal Court actions aimed at the eradication of punitive isolation for political belief." *** Disciplinary action: "My being held as an African Nationalist & considered a threat to prison security. Anyone of 'African descent' who subscribes to Afrocentric ideologies is locked up, the state Cointelpro in operation." *** "Prisoners are studying civil law, no longer satisfied to let things slide...In retaliation the state has discontinued our ability to help each other in our research, and talking in the library results in loss of library for 30 days." *** "I want to put together a legal think tank made up of jail house lawyers and available lawyers. We could do a case by case analysis, subject by subject, and in that fashion handle the writing of writs, memoranda, and educating ourselves." *** "Please contact me if you're interested--lawyers and jail house lawyers only." *** "My regards to all progressive peoples! Dare to struggle! Dare to win!"

TOM MANNING writes from USP Marion: "Thank you again for the pleasure I get when *This Just In...* is handed through my bars after the evening meal. It's the first thing I read anticipating news of our comrades. Though this month (#6 Nov) brings sad news of my brother Jaan's dad passing. I send you a warm embrace and love, my friend. I know you'll carry

on and to you, too, Sekou, who has just lost your Moms. " *** "I've been going through my belongings here, --two plus years of letters & cards from friends and loved ones, before tearing them up and throwing them out, getting ready for the move to Colorado. I don't like throwing them out, so it's been an unpleasant task, but as I go through each one and see how many bags I fill up, I realize how truly blessed I am. And I'd like to say to all my friends, 'I'm sorry I get more than I send. I'll try to do better from Colo.--especially to you, M.B.'"

*** As I hear of drastic parole set-backs and health problems among our comrades I'm reminded we aren't getting any younger, and I hope everyone's maintaining a healthy regimen. (But don't overdo it, as I did this May)."

*** It's great to see another of us has gotten out. We were with Luis Colon Osorio for a short, intense time at MCC/NY. He has plenty of good energy that I'm sure will be well directed." *** "Viva Puerto Rico Libre!. The struggle continues!"

MUTULU SHAKUR writes from USP Marion: "Still on the 1331-transfer issue." *** "Was in the hole for investigation into a physical confrontation, BOP cointelpro." *** "Trying to get input into the Mumia Project." *** Health: "Eyes--failure of BOP to provide correct spectacles." *** Family: "Everyone fine." *** "We as a class of prisoners should not take this last election as a routine struggle between the ruling class. We must *now* begin to consolidate our forces for Human Rights Protection." *** It is hoped that the mass will be galvanized to struggle--for the real victory." *** Love to all--failure to struggle and grow will protract this oppression." *** "Stiff Resistance!" *** "Love to Sekou Odinga--God bless your mother, my brother..."

ANA LUCIA GELABERT writes from Hobby Unit, Marlin, TX: "15 cell changes and 2 unit transfers from May 11 to Nov.4/94." ***

"Overdue parole release by 2 to 3 years." *** Disciplinary action: "Yes, several, aimed at depriving me of craft shop (drawing) privileges."

*** New rules: "You must be joking!" *** Job: "Broom squad, not attended since Aug. 26/94

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due to *protracted* hunger strike (Aug.24 - Nov.4/94." *** "Prohibited from doing art, going to school or teaching others; not allowed virtually *any* activity." *** Health: "After long hunger strike diagnosed with severe anemic and 'hypo proteinitis' (whatever that is) condition--abnormally swollen ankles & feet and otherwise *very* skeletal body. Still not quite recovered." *** Ana Lucia has gotten up an affidavit for people to sign who want to end the embargo against Cuba. She wants to use them in a class action suit.

NIDAL AYYAD writes from USP Terre Haute, IN: "Appeal pending." *** Job: "Laundry. I have been trying to change for 6 months so I could study my appeal. Always denied." *** "Teaching Arabic and Islamic studies to the Muslim community." *** "Denied communication with my co-defendants by phone because I said I'll speak in Arabic. My co-defendants cannot speak English; the counselor said it is not safe that I speak in my language." *** "I send my salaam to brother Mohammad Salameh in Leavenworth and all brothers in MCC.: Hold strong, brothers --insha'alla you will win." *** "My regards to all P.P.'s and POWs." *** "I have been denied to get a religious head cover. I have been denied to purchase books from N.Y. area because of the nature of my case. Anything I request they respond with same response--nature of my case." *** "I'm a defendant in the World Trade Center case. Sentenced to 240 in prison."

MOHAMMED ALI writes from MCC-NY: "Waiting for trial which is dated 11/28/94. I ask all the brothers for Dua (prayers)." *** "I'm just working on my legal material to be ready for the trial." *** Health: "I am still waiting for their promises to treat my feet, plus I start getting severe headaches." *** "I got letters from my wife and the kids--they are all fine and they miss their dad and they all pray for me." *** "I say hello to you and to all the brothers and ask them again Dua and to remember God." *** "Greetings to all the comrades!"

SEKOU CINQUE T.M. KAMBUI writes from Easterling C.F., Newark, NJ: "April 11th, 1994 parole hearing resulted in another year's delay

with next review 4/95. Mandamus supplemental to the original petition filed against the parole authorities charging racial harassment and discriminatory procedures. A Judicial Inquiry Complaint has been filed against the judge and a Mandamus as well, charging him with abuse of discretionary power and unjustified delays, now amounting to 4 years. Complaint...filed, charging bias against my release, especially in light of the judge's implication in the Nov. '93 hearing that I would be released at the parole hearing of Dec 6/'93." *** "Easterling C.F. refuse[s] to recognize my minimum custody status as a retaliation for exercise of political and legal rights." *** New rules: "All bulk mail or mail that needs certification or weighing can be mailed only 2 days a week. This restriction upon legal mail is in violation of the law governing freedom to express/communicate with those on the outside." *** "Organizing, developing, coordinating Afrocentric programs." *** Family: "Wife's health not the best but hanging tough. Move back to Alabama is scheduled for late December." *** "My continued solidarity and revolutionary love to all BLA cadre from times past; Sundiata, Mutulu, Maliki, Sekou O (to whom I owe a letter)."

RICHARD MAFUNDI LAKE writes from William Donaldson C.F., Bessemer, AL: New rules: "Prisoners are prohibited from taking a shower before visiting hours. Prisoners used to be allowed to shower between 6-8 A.M. on visiting day, but now can only shower between 7-9 P.M. (after visiting hours)." *** "Helping to organize Lifer's Assn., African Education and Culture Project." *** "My personal passion is to build and encourage the building of strong, viable and effective coalitions among the diverse groups and individuals who have a common interest in justice." *** Health: "Bitten in the back today by a spider that had somehow gotten into my shirt. Nothing serious, I hope!" *** "My daughter (Assata Shakur) is a senior in high school and trying to decide which college to attend." *** There are several childhood friends I would like to hear about: Anthony Heflin (Calif.), Carl Dixon (Calif.), William (Bama) Battle (NY-Attica) and Charles Arms. We grew up in Birmingham but I haven't seen

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them since childhood. I've heard that they were all in prison. Perhaps some are involved in struggle." *** "MaFundi's Defense Committee and Committee for Prisoner Support in Birmingham (CPSB) are planning a conference in Birmingham, Ala., for April 8, 1995, around the theme "The Imprisonment of America: A Human Catastrophe." All ideas, comments, support are welcome: CPSB, PO Box 12152, Birmingham, AL 35202-2152

SHAKA SHAKUR writes from Indiana State Prison: where he was moved from MCC on 10/11/94. *** "I am awaitin' a rulin' on my appeal from State Supreme KKKourt." *** Rules: "Usual level of mass repression, standard operatin' procedure." *** "No job allowed on A/S status." *** Activity: "General agitation, education, organization." *** "Trying to get outside treatment for a pinched nerve in lower back." *** "Please note new address." *** "Clinched fist salute to *This Just in...* staff!" (Ed. note: Thanks!)

MOHAMMAD A. SALAMEH writes from USP Leavenworth:: "About my conditions, it's going from bad to worse. Administration is discriminating against me. Not getting prisoner's rights: Firstly been forced to work in UNICOR. Also, 2 weeks ago removed from education for no apparent reason, just they want me in UNICOR all day. Mail: most of my personal mail doesn't go out. When I inquire they act like nothing happened. Only problem I don't have proof yet." *** "I requested transfer, haven't heard anything yet." *** "My parents still trying to get here, on visit." *** "About Jaan Laaman' father, sorry to hear, stay strong. Keep your head up, struggle continue. There will be many tests to come, the best always go first." *** "All my regards to my brothers in MCC-N.Y."

ELEGGUA OSUN ELUFE writes from Eastern NY State Prison: "Waiting upon a decision on petition pertaining to being denied parole." *** I am waiting to participate in youth group program." *** "I enjoy writing about all different aspects of life--culture--politics--history, etc., assisting others when need be." *** "I am always elated when I receive *This Just In...* and

that I can be able to share my views, insights, consciousness and blessings to my fellow comrades--and they/we are remaining to shine the path forward--our liberation is certain..."

ABDUL MAJID writes from Sullivan, NY:

"Presently on direct appeal on conviction for murder in 1st degree. Case has been on appeal since 1986." *** Job: "Law library clerk."

*** "Active in Muslim community and a therapeutic program started by the Muslims in this facility which is open to G.P." "Pretty much involved with my litigation." *** "Family is holding their own." *** "Free all POWs and P.P.'s"

STANDING DEER in Ellis 1, Huntsville, TX sent a message to the PP/POW conference in Boston. Here is part of it: "My name is Standing Deer. I am full-blood Oneida/Choctaw. 18 years ago, while doing compulsory expropriations from banking facilities, I zigged when I should have zagged and thus was captured and sent to the Control Unit at USP Marion. I have been locked down in super-max ever since. In 1978 I was hired by agents of the united states to kill Leonard Peltier in Marion Prison. Rather than kill him, I exposed the government conspiracy, first to Leonard, and then to the world...Although we were both in Marion prison I didn't actually meet him until the 4th of July 1978... Since Marion hadn't yet been locked down we were having a cook-out on the yard...While Leonard talked about this and that ... I could see the intensity and emotion beneath the surface of this man when he discussed the problems of his People...Although I had not come to the yard with intentions of telling him that the united states was scheming to take his life, I found myself revealing the plot to him in all its sordid detail... Leonard silently gazed at me for a long time, then he shook my hand as he looked into my eyes with a look that radiated total love and trust. He smiled as he softly said, 'Thank you for telling me, my Brother.' ... From that day in Marion to the present I have thanked my lucky stars that he re-centered my life. He put me in touch with my roots, and started me on the road to recovering the humanity that had been buried all my life

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under the conditioning of the culture of greed...."

FROM THE COMMITTEE to Return Silvia Baraldini to Italy: "On August 2, in support of [Sylvia's repititioning for a transfer to Italy] the Deputy Consul of the Italian Embassy, Silvia's mother (Maria Baraldini) and Elizabeth Fink (Silvia's attorney) met with Jo Ann Harris, head of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. At the meeting, it was made clear that the US was less than enthusiastic about transferring Silvia. Jo Ann Harris said they needed time to 'do the right thing.'"

ABDUL HAQQ writes from Clinton State Prison, NY: Job: "G.E.D. Program. I have 1 term left before I earn my BA degree. For the 2nd term in a row I have received no books. The school is coming with some fly excuses like racists and oppressor always do when they want to claim that they're not doing anything to you. By now I am supposed to be in the Masters Degree Program studying theology. The prisoncrats are withholding the materials I need to earn my BA, trying to force me to participate in the GED Program." *** "I've been explaining the meaning of the November 8th election to the brothers. I've been stressing that brothers have to think politically." *** "In the area [I'm in] there is a rule against making salat (Muslim prayer). I'm been making my salat in this area anyway. I told the police that I don't care about that rule, that I adhere to a higher law and that I'm going to make my salat on time wherever I happen to be...' And I thought the 'right' believed in school prayer!"

ZOLO AGONA AZANIA writes from Maximum Control Complex, Westville, In: "On Nov.2,'94, I was moved from Michigan City. I've heard the recent transfer was authorized by some type of court order. I've heard also that due to an Oct.17th escape attempt by 5 prisoners we were all moved, except one, on a temporary basis while the prisoncrats make so-called security improvements." *** "I've had problems with my attorney--Darnell Lyle tried to sell me out and keep other attorneys from out of town from helping me. Lyle no longer represents me. " *** "I have an April 13,'95 trial date set." ***

Activity: "Art, political-economic studies and lots of legal work on my court cases." *** "The struggle continues. There is victory for us! Peace!"

HERMAN BELL writes from Eastern N.Y. State C.F.: "The new governor said he will implement changes in the prison system here; said he'll sign a 'death-bill' as soon as it's on his desk, and that he'll implement 'mandatory sentencing' in this state. Our guess is that he plans to lay off some state workers to honor a pledge to cut taxes, although the state already has a 4-billion dollar deficit. It could mean prison staff will be reduced and we'll be locked in our cells at 4 p.m. and, except for showers and the evening meals, not be let out again until the next day." *** "My mother is better, the radiation treatment seems to have worked." *** "I'm doing okay." *** "Love to you all."

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